

BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Joint Application of

ALITALIA-LINEE AEREE ITALIANE-S.p.A.  
KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES  
NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.

for approval of and Antitrust Immunity  
for Alliance Agreements pursuant to  
49 U.S.C. §§ 41308 and 41309

ORIGINAL

Docket OST-1999-5674 - 18

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS**

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, **AFL-CIO ("IAM")** hereby requests an additional two weeks to file comments in the above-captioned matter, in the event that negotiations between the **IAM** and Alitalia-Linee Aeree Italiane **S.p.A. ("Alitalia")** do not resolve the differences between those parties related to this matter.

The **IAM** is an interested party in these proceedings, as acknowledged by the applicants in their joint response filed July 15, 1999. See Joint Response of Alitalia, KLM and Northwest at 8. The **IAM** and Alitalia are involved in an on-going labor dispute stemming from the company's decision to lock out its **IAM**-represented employees and contract out the work previously performed by **IAM** members. In addition, the **IAM** is the representative of several employee crafts at Northwest Airlines.

As noted by Alitalia in its July 15 submission, the Company and the **IAM** are currently in negotiations to resolve their

dispute. Negotiations are scheduled to take place on August 5 and 6, 1999.

The **IAM** believes that these negotiations may resolve the differences between the parties. However, in the event that the matter is not resolved at these negotiations, the **IAM** would want an opportunity to file comments with the Department in this proceeding.

Pursuant to the Department's scheduling notice dated July 19, 1999, comments are currently due on August 9, 1999. The **IAM** respectfully requests an extension of time in which to file comments until August 23, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: July 27, 1999

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 28th day of July 1999, copies of the **IAM's** Request for an Extension of Time to File Comments, the Affidavit of Joseph Guerrieri, Jr. and the Affidavit of Robert S. **Clayman** were served upon all persons named on the attached service list by first-class mail, postage prepaid.

  
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